

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 GENEVA 06121 212205Z

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-14 EA-09 EUR-12 NEA-10

AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-01 INR-07

NSAE-00 USIA-15 TRSE-00 XMB-04 OPIC-06 SP-02

LAB-04 EPG-02 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15 STR-04

CEA-01 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 L-03 PA-02 PRS-01 /163 W

-----024984 220544Z /20

R 211915Z JUL 77

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9520

INFO USMISSION USUN

UNCLAS GENEVA 6121

DEPT FOR E (JOAN BRADEN), IO/IEP AND EB

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECOSOC, EGEN, UN

SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 3 - SUB-ITEM: CONSUMER
PROTECTION

REF: USUN 0158

1. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF AN INFORMAL DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON CONSUMER PROTECTION WHICH PORTUGUESE DELEGATION IS
CIRCULATING FOR COMMENTS, SUPPORT AND CO-SPONSORSHIP.
TEXT HAS BEEN DRAFTED IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE
OBSERVER (DR. DOROTHY WILNER) FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION OF CONSUMER UNIONS (IOCU), AN ACCREDITED
NGO. TEXT INCORPORATES SOME SUGGESTIONS WE HAVE MADE.

2. REFTEL PROVIDES BACKGROUND ON THIS QUESTION AND ON
THE DECISION OF THE ECOSOC ORGANIZATION SESSION LAST
JANUARY TO REQUEST A BRIEF REPORT FROM THE SYG ON THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
TO CONSIDER THIS REPORT AT THE 63RD ECOSOC UNDER THE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 GENEVA 06121 212205Z

GENERAL DEBATE ITEM (NOW ITEM 3). THE REPORT (DOCUMENT
E/5996, PREPARED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON
COORDINATION) BECAME AVAILABLE HERE SHORTLY AFTER THE
BEGINNING OF THIS SESSION AND IS PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE
IN THE DEPT.

3. IN VIEW OF OUR ROLE AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL MOVERS

IN GETTING THIS QUESTION INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA BY THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO BE COOPERATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE WHEN APPROACHED ON THE PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION. IT CONFORMS CLOSELY WITH THE ANTICIPATED "NEXT STEP" WE AND THE OTHER PROPONENTS FORESAW IN OUR PRESENTATIONS AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, AS REPORTED REFTEL -- I.E., A REQUEST FOR A STUDY IN DEPTH, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, ON WHAT FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD BY THE UN SYSTEM MIGHT BE WARRANTED. THE RESOLUTION SUGGESTS SOME AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STUDY, AND ASKS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION IN THE UN SYSTEM.

4. THE PORTUGUESE TELL US THEY HAVE A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF PROSPECTIVE CO-SPONSORS FROM BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE TOLD THEM WE WOULD FOR THE PRESENT PREFER TO HOLD OURSELVES IN RESERVE ON THIS SCORE SO AS TO BE CERTAIN THAT POSSIBLE US CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD NOT TIP THE BALANCE TOO FAR OVER TO THE DEVELOPED COUNTRY SIDE. (FOR EXAMPLE, THERE STILL SEEM TO BE SOME LATENT SUSPICIONS THAT CONSUMER STANDARDS WOULD SOMEHOW MILITATE TO THE COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE OF THE LDC'S, EVEN THOUGH BOTH DC AND LDC PROPONENTS MAKE THE VALID POINT THAT THE PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES WILL BE THE LDC CONSUMERS.)

5. THERE MAY BE SOME SMALL ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS RESOLUTION
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 GENEVA 06121 212205Z

BEFORE IT IS FORMALLY PRESENTED, INCLUDING POSSIBLY SOME NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS TO EXPLAIN MORE EXPLICITLY THE NEEDS FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION.

6. ASSUMING THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES, THAT WOULD WARRANT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPT., WE REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK IN SUPPORTING THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, WITH DISCRETION TO CO-SPONSOR IF IT APPEARS USEFUL, GIVEN THE ABOVE FACTORS.

BEGIN TEXT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS
3201(S-VI) AND 3202(S-VI);

RECALLING, THAT THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF
THE RESOLUTION 3362(S-VII) IS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY,
TO PURSUE THEIR DEVELOPMENT;

RECOGNIZING THAT THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT

MEASURES AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF LIVING
AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLES OF
THE WORLD MIGHT BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED FOR VAST
SECTIONS OF THE THE POPULATION UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED
BY ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS;

RECALLING ITS DECISION 204(ORG-77) TO
REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION
FOR A BRIEF REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM ON CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR CONSIDERATION
AT THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION;

REALIZING THAT CONSUMER PROTECTION REQUIRES
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED APPROACH
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 GENEVA 06121 212205Z

AND THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN
THIS FIELD ARE STILL VERY LIMITED AND DO NOT YET FORM
PART OF AN INTERRELATED SET OF ACTIVITIES;

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRA-
TIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (E/5996) "ACTIVITIES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RELATED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION".

2. DECIDES TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL, TO
PREPARE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ORGANIZAIONS CONCERNED
AND POSSIBLE USE OF EXPERTS, AND TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL
AT ISTS 65TH SESSION A REPORT ON POSSIBLE MEASURES TO
IMPROVE CONSUMER PROTECTION, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING INTER-
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA, INCLUDING RECOMMEN-
ATIONS AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MODEL
GUIDELINES ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, AN EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO REQUESTING
GOVERNMENTS IN FORMULATING NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND
STANDARDS, AND MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION
WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THIS FIELD.

END TEXT

VANDEN HEUVEL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSUMER PROTECTION, AGREEMENT DRAFT, RESOLUTIONS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977GENEVA06121
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770260-1104
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770735/aaaabdk.s.tel
Line Count: 161
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e7e86d66-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 USUN NEW YORK 158
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1794340
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: 63RD ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 3 - SUB-ITEM: CONSUMER PROTECTION
TAGS: EGEN, ECOSOC, UN
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e7e86d66-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009